and Development (IRD), Paris, a Joint Laboratory namely "Indo-French Cell for Water Sciences" has been established and two joint projects has been taken up.

Another MoU between National Geo-Physical Research Institute, Hyderabad and French Government for setting up the Indo-French Centre for ground water research has also been signed on 20th November, 1999. The Centre is focused on conceiving and validating tools and methodology for optimal management of ground water resources in weathered hard rock acquifers.

An Indo-French Cell on Bio-processes for the Environment (IFCBE) has also been created on 8th November, 2002 at Anna University, Chennai with French assistance to focus on industrial waste water treatment, recycle and reuse.

Rehabilitation of displaced persons in M.P., Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

†4792. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of main dams of the country under construction and expenditure incurred on rehabilitation of the people displaced;

(b) the number of people displaced or being displaced due to construction of such dams alongwith the number of such displaced people of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra; and

(c) the steps taken for rehabilitation of people affected due to such construction and number of people rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, investigation, funding along with priority, execution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects primarily rests with the concerned State Governments themselves. As per the available information (April, 2002) there are 330 large dams (height more than 15 metres) under construction in various States. The State-wise distribution of number of dams is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). As construction of dams and resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected families are done by the concerned State Governments, the Ministry of Water Resources is not maintaining the data on number of people affected and expenditure incurred on resettlement and rehabilitation of the affected families.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

State-wise distribution of large dams of height more than 15 metres under construction

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of Dams
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	18
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4.	Assam	1
5.	Bihar	5
6.	Chhattisgarh	6
7.	Goa	2
8.	Gujarat	57
9.	Haryana	-
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	2
12.	Jharkhand	26
13.	Karnataka	20
14.	Kerala	4
15.	Madhya Pradesh	7
16.	Maharashtra	126
17.	Manipur	3
18.	Meghalaya	-
19.	Mizoram	-
20.	Nagaland	-
21.	Orissa	15
22.	Punjab	1
23.	Rajasthan	7
24.	Sikkim	1
25.	Tamil Nadu	5
26.	Tripura	-
27.	Uttar Pradesh	12
28.	Uttaranchal	6
29.	West Bengal	3
	TOTAL	330